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In re Application

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Title:

METHOD AND DEVICE FOR MACHINING WORKPIECES

USING HIGH-ENERGY RADIATION

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Assistant Commissioner For Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make the following documents of record in the above-identified application:

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 3,689,159, issued 09/05/72 to Taniguchi et al;
- (2) International Publication No. WO 89/11260, published 11/30/89 to Taboada et al;
- (3) International Publication No. WO 97/15417, published 05/01/97 to Kobsa;
- (4) European Patent No. 0 038 297, dated 10/21/81 to Jurg; and
- (5) French Patent No. 2.039.520, dated 01/15/71 to Morin et al.

Copies of these documents, which are listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 (1 page), are enclosed herewith.

Applicants respectfully request that these documents be fully considered by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application and printed on any patent which may issue on this application. Applicants also respectfully request that a copy of Form PTO-1449 (1 page), as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned to the undersigned with the next Official Action.

It is believed that this disclosure complies with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. If for some reason the Examiner considers otherwise, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be contacted by the Examiner by telephone in order that any deficiencies may be expeditiously remedied.

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Examiner.

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